

NC Balance of State Continuum of Care
Southeast Region Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2023

	In Attendance:
Hollie Oxendine	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Cicely Pighet	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Shelita Odom	- Southeastern Family Violence Center
Dr. Dia Thomas	- Bladen County Schools
Shaneitha Lee	- Public Schools of Robeson County
Tina Bowen	- Director, Suds of Love
Clementine Thompson-McCormick	- Lumberton Christian Care
Jenny Simmons	- NC Coalition to End Homelessness
Latasha McNair	- Eastpointe
Kelvin Hyke	- Eastpointe
Lisa Wallace	- Social Security Administration
Brian Fike	- Trillium NC
Cynthia Quintero	- Robeson Community College
Lana Locklear	- Robeson County Rape Crisis Center
Brittany Love	- Robeson County Church and Community Center
Kim Archie	- NC Commission of Indian Affairs
Jennifer Cain	- Families First, Columbus County
Ray Guillen-Cristo	

1. Meeting called to order at 11:05am – Hollie Oxendine
2. **Introduction of Committee** (those in attendance)
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes from January 2023**
 - Motion to accept by Dr. Dia Thomas second/carried by Shaneitha Lee.
4. **Regional Leadership**
 - We still need someone to volunteer for the Unsheltered Access Coordinator position and the Project Review Committee Representative.
 - At this time, the CE Lead is still open. Trillium has decided against taking the position for our Region.
 - There will be a meeting in the upcoming weeks about possibly United Way or Eastpointe stepping in to that position.
5. **PIT/HIC County**
 - The PIT/HIC was January 25, 2023
 - Southeastern Family Violence Center went out into the community of Robeson to count. They went with Dr. Dia Thomas to count in Bladen and also counted in Scotland County with the SFVC staff in Scotland.
 - The total count for this year was 41 for our Region

- We hope to have full participation next year similar to the way we conducted the count in past years.

6. NC HFA Funding

- The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency is pleased to announce the availability of funding for our Supportive Housing American Rescue Plan (SHARP) Program. The SHARP Program utilizes HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds to assist people experiencing homelessness, those at risk of becoming homeless, and other vulnerable populations. The SHARP Program Guidelines, Program Description and Site Visit Request form and additional application information can be found on the Agency's website.
- Jenny Simmons elaborated on the funding.

The following activities are permitted under the SHARP Program:

Rental Housing:

SHARP funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing. SHARP rental projects may be eligible to apply for a capitalized operating cost assistance reserve. Maximum funding amounts are based on project location. Additional details can be found in the *SHARP Program Guidelines*.

Non-Congregate Shelters:

SHARP funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of non-congregate shelters. SHARP non-congregate shelter projects located in geographies listed as *NCS Project Ineligible* in Appendix D of the *SHARP Program Guidelines* are not eligible to apply.

7. B@H Program COVID/CRF Funds

- B@H CV is not currently taking referrals
- We completed a budget amendment and we have a few more slots for housing still available, but we still have individuals on the waitlist to be housed.
- Total we have housed 107 families/individuals in this program

8. Rapid Re-housing Program Update

- We are currently receiving referrals for RRH
- All clients will be assessed and placed on the waitlist after the 3rd party referral has been received.
- We currently have 7 active clients receiving financial assistance and supportive services

9. PSH Update

- No updates at this time

10. HUD VASH/Veteran Services Update

- No updates at this time

11. Coordinated Entry/Assessment

- As stated before we are still currently looking for a CE Lead for our Region
- Trillium will not be serving as our CE Lead
- Naturally someone who is active on our committee and actively working with the homeless population in our Region would be ideal for the CE Lead.

12. Agency Updates/Announcements

- Lumberton Christian Care will be having a Plate sale on Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 11:00am - 2:00pm. The plates will have chicken, potato salad, green beans, and a dessert. Each plate will be \$10.00

- Suds of Love is getting closer to completion. They just started framing the inside of the truck.
- Robeson County Church & Community Center will host a Dental Clinic on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Haircuts will be available, Lunch will be provided, and individuals will have access to showers.

Next meeting – March 15, 2023 at 11:00am via ZOOM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm